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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S REMARKS RE ARMS FOR ISRAEL

YOU WILL BE RECEIVING SEPARATELY TEXT OF SECRETARY'S REMARKS TO PRESS FOLLOWING HIS MEETING WITH ISRAELI FONMIN ALLON IN LONDON MAY 11. YOU MAY BE ASKED BY HOST GOVERNMENT ABOUT SECRETARY'S REFERENCE TO SUPPLYING ISRAEL WHAT IT NEEDS TO DEFEND ITSELF, "INCLUDING ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY." IF ASKED, YOU SHOULD POINT OUT THAT SECRETARY WAS SIMPLY AFFIRMING EXISTING U.S. POLICY ON US-ISRAEL ARMS SUPPLY RELATIONSHIP. AS RESULT OF PRESS REPORTS ABOUT PENDING U.S. ARMS TRANSFER POLICY DECISIONS, CHARGES THAT U.S. WILL SHARPLY REDUCE ITS ARMS SUPPLY RELATIONSHIP WITH ISRAEL HAVE BECOME MAJOR ISSUE IN ISRAELI ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN. WE THOUGHT IT BEST TO SEEK TO DEFUSE THIS ISSUE WHICH CAN ONLY BENEFIT HARDLINE OPPOSITION PARTIES IN NEXT WEEK'S ELECTION. VANCE

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